

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/663,731	TSUJII ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/31/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-8,11-27 renumbered 1-24.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-28 respectively renumbered 1-24 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Okada et al (US 6,181,870) in view of Abecassis (US 6,208,805) in further view of Modeste et al (US 5,852,800) discloses a recording apparatus and method for recording video and audio data onto a recording medium.

Okada et al discloses a video encoding means for encoding video data in a group structure of a plurality of frames corresponding to a compression-encoding process (Figure 18 shows an encoder in which an inter-frame predictive encoding process and a motion compensative process is met through the MPEG encoder as well being well known in the art); video data output means for outputting encoded video data by said encoding means and audio output means for outputting compression-encoded or non-compressed audio data (Figure 17 shows audio output signal used for outputting all audio data).

It is further taught by Abecassis a control function is inhibited for interfering of the playback of video. The inhibiting provides a control function of playing proper video segments and thereby contains various file structures within the video data stream. As seen in Figure 3 various file structures contain a first data unit that corresponds to a predetermined number of frames and are thereby encoded by the first data units and described in Column 9 Lines 1-50. Furthermore, Modeste et al further teaches a system that provides a first and second audio and video units as well as management

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information areas on a disk as seen in Figure 1. Additionally, as described in Column 8 Lines 57+ and continuing on Column 9 Lines 1-50 describes the various areas for data to be contained on the disc. It is further taught in Figures 13-16 the encoded audio and video signals that are stored and processed on the disc as further described in Column 15 Lines 59+ through Column 16 Lines 1-14. However, the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach or fairly suggest the following limitation as recited in claim 1.

“wherein the video track contains a size quantity of the first video data and a start position of the second video data and the audio track contains a size quantity of said first audio data and a start position for said second audio data respectively.”

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Contact Information

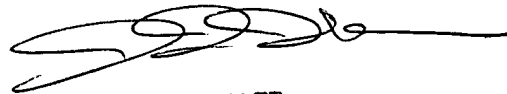
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamie Vent whose telephone number is 571-272-7384. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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